<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A help server apparatus comprising:

<u>first</u> ~~inquiry~~ receiving means for receiving ~~contents of~~ an inquiry <u>and priority order of communication abilities of a user terminal</u> from <u>the</u> [[a]] user terminal ~~apparatus~~;

~~first communication ability receiving means for receiving, from said user terminal apparatus, information of a communication ability of said user terminal apparatus in order of priority;~~

~~extracting means for extracting a key word from the contents of the inquiry;~~

searching means for searching for a <u>plurality of</u> helper <u>terminals</u> ~~terminal apparatus~~ on the basis of <u>a</u> ~~the~~ key word <u>of said inquiry</u>;

second ~~communication ability~~ receiving means for receiving, from said <u>plurality of</u> helper <u>terminals</u> ~~terminal apparatus in order of priority~~, <u>the priority order information</u> of <u>the</u> [[a]] communication <u>abilities of each respective</u> ~~ability desired by said~~ helper terminal ~~apparatus~~;

~~producing means for producing a list of helper terminal apparatuses searched by the searching means;~~

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~~list transmitting means for transmitting the list to said user terminal~~

~~apparatus;~~

~~selection receiving means for receiving, from said user terminal apparatus, a~~

~~request of a session with a helper terminal apparatus selected from the list;~~

<u>selection means for selecting one of the plurality of helper terminals in</u>

<u>response to a request from the user terminal;</u>

determining means for <u>searching the communication abilities of the user</u>

<u>terminal and the selected helper terminal in the order of the priority from highest to lowest</u>

<u>to determine the communication ability coincident between the user terminal and the</u>

<u>selected helper terminal as</u> ~~automatically determining~~ a communication ability to be

applied to <u>a</u> ~~the~~ session ~~on the basis of the information of the communication ability of said~~

~~user terminal apparatus and the information of the communication ability desired by said~~

~~helper terminal apparatus~~;

transferring means for transferring <u>an answer of the inquiry from</u> ~~the request~~

~~of the session to~~ said helper terminal <u>to the user terminal through the session which uses</u>

<u>the communication ability determined by said determining means</u> ~~apparatus together with~~

~~the determined communication ability~~; and

settlement means for confirming that the requested session was started

normally, performing charging processing to a user, and performing charge payment

processing to said help server apparatus.

20. (Currently Amended) The help server apparatus according to claim 19, wherein ~~the information of~~ the communication ability is at least one of a data transfer rate, an information transfer ability, and a type of a terminal apparatus.